

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
No. 2016 – 7**

**AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2015-14**

**CREATION OF  
PIPELINE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units that he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the state of Michigan ensure that oil and gas development and transportation is balanced with protecting public health, safety, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the state of Michigan recognizes the importance of oil and gas development, transportation, and use in the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, state government leaders undertook an extensive review of the nexus between energy transmission and environmental protection with formation of the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force; and

WHEREAS, a key finding of the task force was that effective coordination of state and local resources – including stakeholders in conservation and environment, oil and gas development, and transportation, and other state agencies dealing with energy production and transportation – is needed to provide necessary transparency and to implement other task force recommendations; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a Pipeline Safety Advisory Board within the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will advise and assist in the implementation of matters relating to hazardous liquid and gas pipeline safety, routing,

construction, operation and maintenance, and provide recommendations for statutory, contractual, or procedural changes to improve the safety of pipelines in this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

**I. AMENDMENT**

A. Section I.B. of Executive Order 2015-14 is amended as follows:

- The individual appointed and serving representing federal response and recovery agencies, or his or her designee from within that federal response and recovery agency, shall be a non-voting ex officio member.

B. Section III.F. of Executive Order 2015-14 is amended as follows:

F. A majority of the voting members of the Board serving constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the board's business. The Board shall act in making its recommendations by a majority vote of its voting members.

**II. MISCELLANEOUS**

All other provisions of Executive Order 2015-14 not specifically amended by this Order shall remain unchanged.

This Executive Order shall become effective upon filing.

Given under my hand and the Great  
Seal of the state of Michigan this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of April, in the Year of our  
Lord Two Thousand Sixteen

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RICHARD D. SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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SECRETARY OF STATE